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Date: 5th June 2020

Dear Parents,

You may well be aware that after fifteen years' excellent service as Headteacher of Hill View Junior Academy, Mrs Bevan will retire at the end of this term. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a long, healthy and happy retirement. In leading the school for the past fifteen years Mrs Bevan has made a real difference to countless children's lives who have passed through the school. The high academic standards that she, and her team have maintained have offered the best start in life for the children. Academic standards are an important aspect of the life of a school but not by any means the only one. I know that Mrs Bevan has put "children first" at the heart of her practice and we have seen, year on year, articulate, fair minded, resilient and responsible children leave the school who continue with these values from this excellent basis throughout their education and into their lives. This was commented on specifically in our recent OFSTED inspection. The Lead Inspector was keen that we should be proud of our children, and we are.

This doesn't happen by chance. Mrs Bevan has created a coherent, hardworking, caring staff who have worked together to create an excellent school. Even in these unprecedented and challenging times, the work behind the scenes to gradually reopen a safe school has been exemplary. The Directors and Governors say a big "Thank You" to Mrs Bevan for not only taking the school to such heights but in keeping it there.

Looking ahead we are delighted to have Mrs Sutton taking over as new Headteacher from September 2020. As you can see from her introductory letter, Mrs Sutton is already a successful Headteacher who is looking to take Hill View forward as her new challenge. She has visited the school regularly and is already working with staff. We wish her well in her new endeavour and I know she is looking forward to meeting you in the new academic year.

I hope you all have a happy, safe Summer and we can look forward to September and hopefully a more normal 2021.

Yours faithfully,

(Mike Foster, CEO Vision Learning Trust)



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Dear Parents / Carers,

I know that by now you are probably aware that this is my last term at Hill View Juniors, as I am retiring in July after 15 years as Headteacher.

During these 15 years I have seen the school go from strength to strength – which Ofsted acknowledged in March 2020 – and I am leaving a hard working team of staff, governors and directors who have made Hill View Junior Academy the success that it is today. I must specially thank Mrs Ross, who has been my Deputy Head for all of this time, and has been an invaluable support to me.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be able to lead such a fantastic school (I know I am biased!) with the best pupils and supportive parents in the city. I am reassured to know that I am leaving Hill View in the very good and capable hands of Mrs Hayley Sutton, an experienced Headteacher, who will be in post from September.

The only regret that I have leaving in this time of lockdown is that I am not going to be able to personally say goodbye and thank you to all of my pupils and yourselves in person. So may I now take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the future.

With my very best wishes,

Stay safe.

Tricia Bevan



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I feel absolutely delighted to be able to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Hill View Junior Academy from September. I feel extremely privileged to have been appointed as the Headteacher of your children's school and I very much look forward to meeting you all.

I first visited Hill View Juniors, in November of last year when the advertisement for the role was published. My first impressions of the school were that of a happy, vibrant, forward thinking and high achieving school and instantly I could foresee myself becoming the new Headteacher. The children overwhelmed me with their natural ability to welcome me into their classrooms; they were keen to share their learning, confident to speak to me and had a genuine love for their school.

I was thrilled to be told that I had been successful at interview in December and have since been looking forward to starting my new role. Given the time frame I had before starting my role at Hill View, I have been fortunate enough in being able to visit the school several times and have met with Mrs Bevan and Mrs Ross, along with other staff members, to ensure that I have a secure knowledge of the many strengths that are embedded across Hill View Juniors along with identified school improvement priorities going forwards.

With regards to my own experience, I have now been in education for 24 years and have worked for Peterborough City Council throughout that time. I started my teaching career back in 1996, in a Junior school and have remained completely focused on developing my own teaching and leadership skills in different roles, both in schools and also spending time working for Peterborough Local Authority as an English consultant and supporting a number of teachers and leaders in schools across the city. It was in 2011 that I became the Headteacher of Leighton Primary school where I have successfully led a thriving school, which is now one of the highest and most improved performing schools in Peterborough.

Throughout all of my different roles in Peterborough I have strived to embed my own commitment and passion to the core values of education allowing each and every child to flourish through their learning and ensure they reach their true potential. It is now my intention to carry forward my own leadership values to ensure that your children's school maintains and builds upon all of its many achievements.

My family all live in the North East of England so I am very much looking forward to moving closer to them. I have two teenage daughters who are 16 and 19. Madeline will be starting the sixth form in September in Tynemouth and Grace will be in her second year at Newcastle university. I spend the majority of my holiday time in the North East and will often be found walking along the enviable coastline that you have. I am very fortunate that I've been able to find a new home and will be making the move at the end of the summer term.



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Of course, I am starting a new role at your school in what has been a truly difficult year for us all and has influenced and challenged all of our lives. I hope that you have all managed to stay healthy and well through this terribly tough year. The impact on your children's own schooling has been tremendous and I can assure you that this will be at the heart of planning for the new academic year. I know Mrs Bevan and her staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the children have accessed excellent home learning provision as well as continuing to have Key Worker children in school. The next stage of phased reopening will have an impact on the start of the next school year and I can assure that school planning will be communicated regularly to you with the children's welfare and health and safety being at the core of all our thinking.

I am very excited to meet you all in September and intend to make it my priority in getting to know all of the children and their families. I want to wish Mrs Bevan all the very best wishes for her retirement and hope that she enjoys the many adventures that lie ahead for her. I want to personally thank Mrs Bevan for leaving me with an extremely happy, welcoming and academically accomplished school to take over as the new Headteacher and for all of her support in allowing me to feel prepared for September. I feel very privileged and indeed excited to be given the opportunity to be leading such a lovely school. I hope that you all enjoy the summer months with your children and manage to have some well-deserved valuable family time. See you all in September.

Hayley Sutton

Headteacher at Hill View Junior Academy – September 2020



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